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1. On 15 January 1953, truck and sedan the drivers of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, were seen at the office on Hoven Gasse, Korneuburg (O 49/S 30). Through the open gate of the Albrechts Kaserne, saw an officer and an undetermined number of soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets and trained on four 37-mm AA guns. Truck entered and sedan left the Albrechts Kaserne. Truck which arrived from Vienna, was unloaded at the ration supply depot at Bahnhofs Platz. Personnel on all three vehicles wore red-bordered black epaulets. The cantonment on the road to Bisamberg had been dismantled, except for the watch-towers and the barbed-wire fence. Truck the driver of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, picked up the last sections of the dismantled buildings. Six 37-mm AA guns and six trucks, were seen in the camp on the road to Leobendorf. Several soldiers were cleaning the guns. Sedan both occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were seen at this camp. 25X1
2. On 15 January, about 80 drilling soldiers and four trucks towing four 37-mm AA guns were seen in the yard of the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Stockerau (O 49/S 21). Truck entered the installation. Trucks were seen at the Artillerie Kaserne. About 25 soldiers fired with rifles at targets at the firing range east of the installation. Driving school truck entered the yard of the building on Schaumann Gasse. The drivers of the vehicles and the other soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1
3. On 12 January, four jeeps occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and weapon carrier the driver of which wore black-bordered red epaulets, were seen at the main entrance on Schiesstattring of the former Kreisgericht (county court) in St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). Three trucks, including were seen in front of the garage west of the former county court, which was guarded by sentries wearing 25X1

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red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Nine field grade officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 8 field grade officers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and 1 major wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen entering and leaving the officers' club in the former Stadtsaale (town halls). Seven trucks, 2 tank trucks, 1 weapon carrier and about 50 soldiers drilling were seen in the yard of the Rainer Kaserne.

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The sentry at the barrier and all of the drivers wore red-bordered black epaulets except for the driver of truck [] who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Four field grade officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and 2 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia entered the building on Werner Strasse, coming from the direction of Camp Spratzern south of St. Poelten. Truck [] occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia was seen in front of the building on Werner Strasse.

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4. On 12 January, about 30 troops drilled in Camp Spratzern, which was guarded by two sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The installation for movable practice air targets was still at the western border of the camp.

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5. On 13 January, 32 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, carrying sheet metal containers and tripods, and led by 2 senior lieutenants, who wore black-bordered black epaulets, left the Birago Kaserne in Melk (O 49/W 66) toward the meadows on the Danube River. The unit was later followed by 11 soldiers who wore artillery insignia in a black field on their upper sleeves. The two groups returned at about 1 p.m. Sentries observed at the Birago Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [] occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, entered the installation. 2

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1. Comment. The information confirms the completion of the dismantling of the cantonment on the road to Bisamberg in Korneuburg.

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